

SENATORS CAUCUS  
TODAY PLAN  
FOR ORGANIZATION

First Step of Legislative Session to be Taken—House to Caucus Wednesday Evening at Capitol.

RIGID ECONOMY TO BE  
PROGRAM OF ASSEMBLY

Bedwell Leads for Speaker of House—Free May Again be Principal Secretary of the Senate.

Sen. G. R. Summers and Reps. George Y. Hepler and Charles A. Hagerty left Tuesday morning for Indianapolis to attend the preliminary caucuses incident to the convening of the general assembly. A number of other prominent democrats accompanied the legislators. The session begins Thursday at noon at which time the governor's message will be presented. Friday, members of the assembly will have an opportunity to hear President Wilson at Tomlinson hall, where he will speak under the auspices of the Indiana Democratic club. Following the organization of the two houses Thursday an adjournment will probably be taken until Monday when the active law-making program will begin.

Special to News-Times.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—First steps toward the organization of the 66th general assembly, which convenes Thursday morning for a session of 61 days, will be taken this evening, when the first caucus of democratic state senators will be held. The meeting will be in the rooms of Lieut. Gov. O'Neill in the state house or in the senate chamber. Tonight's meeting will be the first opportunity the senators and senators-elect have had to take up the general line of policy to be pursued throughout the session, although the house members have discussed that subject at a conference here. The opinion expressed among the senators who were here yesterday was that rigid economy will be practiced throughout the session, which policy has been agreed to by the house members.

The caucus tonight was called some days ago by Lieut. Gov. O'Neill and it is expected that the full democratic membership will attend. Tomorrow night the house caucus on the speakership and the selection of a principal clerk, assistant clerk and a chief of the legislative staff will take place in the house chamber. At the same hour the republican members of the house will meet at the Marion club and the republican senators will hold their caucus in the rooms occupied by the republican state committee in the Hotel Severin.

Free May Seek Secretaryship.  
The caucus of the democratic senators, in addition to a discussion of policy, will be to select a secretary, an assistant secretary and a chief clerk. Interest centers in the selection of a secretary. It is expected Wade H. Free of Anderson, who was secretary in the 1913 session, will be an important factor in the selection of a secretary. Free was one of several named in indictments found by the Marion grand jury several weeks ago, but later was cleared. Free's friends are looking for a title as a means of further vindicating himself. Other candidates for the place are Frank Houston of Salem and C. E. Custer of Columbus. Michael McCarty of Indianapolis and C. Thomas of Auburn are the candidates for chief doorkeeper.

J. A. Sweeney of Plymouth and H. R. Skillman of Indianapolis are candidates for assistant secretary of the senate.  
Up to last night no opposition to Arthur Hamrick of Greencastle for principal clerk of the house had been expressed. L. B. Combs, former representative from Clinton county, and Harry M. Gardner, former representative from Cass county, are candidates for assistant clerk in the house. Republican senators and representatives are looking for little or nothing in the way of patronage at the session. It is possible that a stenographer or two will be named for the republicans in the house, but this is not looked for with any degree of assurance. It is pointed out that the democrats, having a majority in both houses, will keep all the patronage for themselves.

It is expected Sen. Fred VanNoy of Anderson will be elected floor leader of the senate. He was a member of the 1913 general assembly and took an active part in the debate and the discussion throughout the session. He is a lawyer and a shrewd debater, and was numbered among the most popular senators of the last session.  
Franchise League Active.  
The Stotesburg constitutional amendment, presented to the last legislature by former Sen. E. B. Stotesburg of New Albany, and which will come up for consideration at the forthcoming session, received a blow yesterday from the Woman's Franchise league of Indiana when circulars against the adoption of the proposed amendments were mailed to the members of the legislature. The circulars bear the caption, printed in black letters, "To be defeated; the 22 amendments pending in the legislature," and it is followed by the reasons set forth by the league for its opposition to the amendments.  
There should be a constitutional convention called either by the as-

BATTLE OF STEINBACH  
RANKS WITH FEROCITY OF FIGHTING

PARIS, Jan. 5.—Details received here today of the six-day battle between French and Germans for the possession of Steinbach in upper Alsace, show that it ranks with the battle of the Yser in ferocity. On Dec. 21, Gen. Paul commanding the French, sent a summons to the German general at Steinbach to surrender, stating in his demand that heavy losses of life could thus be avoided as the German forces were surrounded. The German general sent back a refusal, declaring that if he had to retreat, he could still retire upon Cernay (Sennheim) as that road was still open.

The Kaiser's troops will fight to the last man, but they will never surrender, replied the German commander. The French assault began at once, the men going to the attack through a forest of fir trees. The Germans opened up on the advancing French forces with machine guns but the latter were protected by the trees and their fire proved ineffective. The Alpine chamois were in the vanguard of the French army and they bore the brunt of the fighting in the conflict for the western entrance to the village.

Fortify a Farm.  
The French gained possession of a farm only 200 yards from the entrance of the village, throwing up entrenchments and taking advantage of the buildings for shelter. French correspondents charge the Germans with a breach of the laws of humanity in the fighting for possession of this farm. They declare that the Germans placed women and children in front of their ranks so that

the French could not open fire upon them. The Germans used the rifles and machine guns the chasseurs were compelled to carry the farm at the point of the bayonet. The Germans had mounted quick firing guns upon the roofs of the farm buildings and these inflicted heavy losses upon the French before the defenders were killed, captured, or driven off. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting raged about the buildings. The French turned the granaries and farm houses into improvised blockhouses when they were taken and these afforded excellent protection for the sharpshooters. There rife men inflicted severe losses upon the Germans. One crack marksman among the chasseurs boasted after the battle that he had slain all the Germans manning a battery of light artillery at 200 yards.

Set Fire to Ammunition.  
The Germans attempted to destroy the farm buildings with grenades and one of them was set on fire but the wind blew the flames toward the German trenches, and one burning machine was carried into the German lines, setting fire to some of their ammunition. This exploded, killing a number of German soldiers and wrecking part of the trench. While the French were thus occupying the attention of the Germans at the western entrance of the village some of the chasseurs deployed southward along the Steinbach river, a small stream flowing south of the village and drove the German defenders into the water.

Attacked on the north, west and south, the Germans had to give way and French victory was assured.

AIR-BATTLE ENDS  
IN RUSSIAN VICTORY

Two of Czar's Aviators Drop Bombs on Fort of Przemyśl and Escape From Austrians Who Try to Cut Them Off.

LEMBERG, Galicia, Jan. 4. (Delayed).—Two Russian aeroplanes engaged in a battle in mid-air with three Austrian airships today above Przemyśl. Flying at a height of 4,500 feet, the Russian aviators dropped six bombs upon the forts at Przemyśl, and downed three guns. After the Russians had passed the stronghold on their course to the southwest, the Austrian aviators rose from their hangar and attempted to cut them off. The Russians gave battle and succeeded in downing one of the Austrian aeroplanes.

The other two descended and the Russians returned to their station undamaged.  
PETROGRAD, Jan. 5.—Along an irregular battle front extending from the Bzura river south, and southwest for 80 miles, the Russians and Germans are again engaged in a terrific battle. The Germans are again on the offensive along this whole front, but the Russians are occupying positions of great strength, and reports received from the front today state that the German attacks have been repulsed at all points where their successful advance would prove a menace to the Russians.

At some points the Germans have succeeded in carrying a few of the Russian trenches, only to lose them in counter attacks by the forces of Grand Duke Nicholas. The only point where the Germans have succeeded in holding captured ground is about Bolimow, where they have taken part of the town of Borimow. The Russians still hold their trenches on the eastern outskirts of Borimow and are making night and day attacks to drive the Germans back.

The Germans suffered heavy losses in their capture of Borimow and it is believed that they will be unable to hold the ground that they have won.  
AUSTRIANS HOLD BACK  
RUSSIANS IN GALICIA  
Offensive of Czar's Troops Comes to Complete Standstill—30,000 Prisoners.

BRITISH PREPARE  
ANSWER TO NOTE

Foreign Minister and Other Officials of Government in Final Conference on Attitude to be Taken Regarding Shipping.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A conference, reported to be the final one, was held by members of the foreign office to consider the British reply to President Wilson's note protesting against the attitude of the English government toward American mercantile shipping. Those taking part were Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill and the solicitor general of England. The discussion lasted upwards of an hour.

Another attack upon the United States was made by the Globe in further editorial comment upon the nation involved in the American protest. "We are fighting for many things, including the sanctity of one of those scraps of paper, the value of which the United States officially, so far, has shown no appreciation," says the Globe. "We do not ask America's aid in this war, but if we do not expect her to take part in weakening the military arm of Germany by strengthening the forces arrayed against Germany, we do demand that we shall be required to take no course that shall weaken our own naval power. We don't appeal to America on moral grounds to cease from making money out of the necessities of our predicament. We leave her merchant vessels with their 30 days' start to run round the world, where and when with whom they will, but we must see to it that our navy is stiffened to the task of preventing these cargoes from reaching the enemy to whom ammunition means further ability to murder."

Note.—The 30 days referred to concerns Secy McCado's idea of not publishing a ship's manifest for 30 days after she has sailed.

FAMOUS PAINTER DIES.  
BERLIN. (Via Amsterdam) Jan. 5.—Prof. Anton von Werner, Germany's most famous historical painter, died Monday in his 75th year.

PORTUGAL ENTERS WAR  
ON SIDE OF ALLIES

LISBON, Jan. 5.—Portugal has entered the war on the side of the allies. Official announcement was made today that Portugal's troops had been engaged with German soldiers in Angola, Western Africa.

The announcement was made at a meeting of senators by the Portuguese premier, who stated that 4,700 more soldiers had been concentrated at Angola for the campaign against the German forces. The result of the first engagement between the Germans and Portuguese was not made known.  
BILL TO STOP SALE OF  
LIQUOR TO MINORS ON  
LAKES AND MISSISSIPPI  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The sale of liquor to minors will be stopped on all excursion steamers plying on the great lakes and the Mississippi river if the senate passes the bill sent to it from the house. The bill provides a penalty of \$200 for each sale to minors within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States.

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS  
JUDGMENT AGAINST UNION  
FOR HATTERS' BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The supreme court of the United States today affirmed a judgment of \$252,130.92 obtained by D. E. Lowe & Co. of Danbury, Conn., against 186 members of the Hatters' union for damages under the Sherman anti-trust law alleged to have been caused by the hatters' boycott against Lowe & Co. hats. The defendants reside in Danbury, Norwalk and Bethel, Conn. Justice Holmes, in delivering the opinion of the court said it was impossible to see what the members of the union could avoid responsibility for the boycott and they must pay the penalty. The record of the whole case showed this justification, he said. He added that he could find no error in the proceedings of the trial court.

ITALIAN MARINES LAND  
IN ALBANIAN CAPITAL  
TO PROTECT SUBJECTS

ROME, Jan. 5.—Italian marines landed at Durazzo, the capital of Albania last night, according to a dispatch from Brindisi, and are now holding the city to prevent it from capture and looting by Mussulman insurgents. Members of the various legations there have taken refuge on the Italian warships which shelled the insurgents' positions yesterday. It was stated today at the foreign office that the landing of marines at Durazzo would have no political significance and that Italy would only do as she had done at Avalona, protect the lives of her own subjects and other foreigners.

WILL ASK BRITISH TO  
WAKE REPARATION FOR  
SHOOTING 2 AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The state department has practically decided to make strong representations to the British government asking for the punishment of three Canadian troops who shot two American aviators, Walter Smith fatally, and injuring Charles Dorsch, his companion, at Port Erie, Ont., recently. Adequate indemnities to the Smith family and to Charles Dorsch will be demanded. It was known following the conference between Counsellor Lansing and Solicitor Johnson, who today reviewed the evidence in the case and found numerous precedents to back up such a demand.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS IN  
MOVE TO RAISE RATE  
THROUGHOUT INDIANA

HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 5.—Eight officials of trunk lines passing through Hammond have opened up a state wide movement to raise the rate of commerce for a two and a half cent tariff in Indiana. The railroads are seeking to the enactment of legislation granting the increase. Eight years ago Indiana, by legislation, reduced the passenger rate 33 1-3 per cent. Since then the state has enacted boiler inspection, the full crew, the 16-hour, the automatic block, the electric headlight and automatic signal laws.

TWO KILLED, ONE HURT  
IN REVOLVER BATTLE

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Policeman John Sausman and George J. Hennessy, an alleged burglar, were killed in a pistol fight early this morning at Twenty-ninth st. and Wabash av. James O'Neil, Hennessy's companion, was taken to a hospital wounded. The policeman saw the men loitering and asked them to hold up their hands, so that he could search them for weapons. One shot Sausman through his overcoat pocket. Thomas Lanigan, Hennessy's partner, finally shot both the suspects.

TO GIVE \$50,000 FOR  
"HOOSIER-DIXIE" ROAD

Chattanooga Man Gives Financial Boost to Proposed Highway to the South.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 5.—The "Hoosier Land-to-Dixie" highway is now practically assured. The road as planned will extend from Chicago to Jacksonville, Fla., and will go through Chattanooga and Atlanta. Fred H. Cantrell and W. B. Bender, representing the automobile club, the tourist and convention bureau and the chamber of commerce of Chattanooga, and W. S. Gilbreath, secretary of the Hoosier Motor club of Indianapolis, are in Atlanta, and make the announcement that C. E. James of Chattanooga will make a donation of \$50,000 and will furnish the engineering survey for the construction of that part of the highway stretching from Signal Point, near Chattanooga, 50 miles northwest to Crossville.

This substantial donation, say the visitors, is characteristic of the favorable spirit they have found all along the proposed route. Mr. Gilbreath has come down from Indianapolis and states that the people in the middle west are very enthusiastic over the proposed highway. Mr. Gilbreath left Atlanta last night for Miami, Fla., and will in a week or so return by way of Jacksonville, and stop at all the principal points which the route touches between Atlanta and Jacksonville. The date of the meeting of the governors of the states through which the highway will pass, namely—Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida—has been set for April 3 next, in Chattanooga. It is anticipated that the governors of all these states will be present and a cooperative plan will be outlined for the construction of the highway. In the meantime a meeting will be held either in Atlanta or Chattanooga at which a preliminary plan will be outlined to be presented to the governors.

'ORGANIZED BALL'  
CALLED TRUST IN  
FEDERALS' SUIT

Bill Assails National Baseball Commission as Illegal Combination, Demands Dissolution and Contracts Cancelled

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Attorneys representing the Federal league today asked United States District Judge K. M. Landis to grant an injunction declaring the national baseball commission a trust, forbidding its members from continuing in business and voiding all its acts and contracts with players. This injunction, if granted, would disrupt organized baseball. Among the reliefs prayed for are: That the national agreement be declared illegal and void and that organized baseball shall be enjoined from operating under its rules. This, if allowed, would break the organization under which the National and American leagues and all the minor leagues operate. That the national commission be declared illegal. This is the court of final appeal in organization baseball. Its disruption would leave the organization without a head. That organized baseball be declared in restraint of trade, and that all participants be enjoined from further continuing in business. Wants Threats Stopped.

That the men in organized baseball shall be restrained from attempting to intimidate by injunction threats, bonuses, promises or otherwise the following players: Fisher, Caldwell, Peritt, Wingo, O'Connor, Bedient, Austin, Allen, Berghammer, Bender, Plank and Marquard. That all the damages which the Federal league has sustained be fixed by the court and paid by the men in organized baseball. That the club owners in organized baseball be restrained from attempting to intimidate by injunction threats, bonuses, promises or otherwise the following players: Fisher, Caldwell, Peritt, Wingo, O'Connor, Bedient, Austin, Allen, Berghammer, Bender, Plank and Marquard. That all the damages which the Federal league has sustained be fixed by the court and paid by the men in organized baseball.

FEAR PLOT TO BLOT  
OUT POISONER'S TRAIL

New Examination Likely to be Held to Get Clew to Death in Sorcerer's Bungalow.

MATTSON, Ill., Jan. 5.—Fear of a plot to blot out the trail of the mysterious "ruby" poison, the sinister fluid that is believed to have brought death to Mrs. Harold E. Ronalds, wife of a prominent physician, at the end of a drug debate here in which the Ronalds family and that of C. O. Purcell, his assistant, participated, caused officers of Cole county to hold a second post-mortem in the early gray hours today. The new examination of the woman's body was made at the request of Coroner Hoffman of Chicago, whose office had been appealed to by Coroner Cook of Cole county to aid in running down the man whom who had been "ruby" poison trickled on its course of death.

Coroner Hoffman, after Chief Chemist McNally had made an examination of the dead woman's stomach, asked that other parts of the body, including the brain, be brought to Chicago. Coroner Cook hurried back to this city. He feared that before he could reach here some friends of Dr. Ronalds might destroy the evidence wanted by Mr. Hoffman. "Ronalds never wanted me to see the body even," said Coroner Cook. "Even when he was raging over his wife's death he shrieked for them to keep her away. That was the last thing he yelled when they took him to bed and held him down. That's why I am afraid some friend of the doctor's might get into the morgue and by the use of chemicals or something else, so harm the organs wanted by the coroner that it would be impossible to trace this poison."

It was midnight when Coroner Cook got back from Chicago. He immediately went to police headquarters and conferred with Chief of Police Henry Scheef. Then accompanied by a police officer, he went to the morgue. There he learned one of the doctor's friends had made a request that Mrs. Ronalds' body be ready for shipment today. COAL COMPANY ASKS THAT  
POLICE STOP ROBBERIES  
Petty thefts of coal by young boys who burn it in a shanty in the rear of 417 N. Hill st., have been reported to the police department by Schuyler Rose of the Ziglar-Huff Coal and Wood Co. The police have been asked to prohibit further depredations, in that the boys have burned several tons of coal in the past few weeks. William Collier, 701 N. Main st., reported the loss of several stocks and sleds from his residence and shop. The police have not yet located the articles.

Latest Bulletins  
From War Zone

CALAIS, France, Jan. 5.—British warships have renewed their bombardment of the Germans on the Flanders coast, according to officers who arrived here today. The Germans have assembled submarine flotilla at Zeelbrugge and Ostend and the British squadron is attempting to destroy these vessels.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Jan. 5.—All Roumanians in Switzerland liable to military service have been ordered to return to their country before the end of January. The Roumanian military commission has effected large purchases of war munitions and sanitary stores.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Five million Russian soldiers have been marched through Warsaw to the west and south, says a dispatch from Copenhagen, which says the information comes directly from the Polish capital. Warsaw has been surrounded by an immense field of fortifications and it is believed that the Germans cannot escape being rolled back even before they reach the first defenses.

BERLIN, (by wireless), Jan. 5.—Official announcement was made that German aviators had conducted a successful raid upon the British ammunition stores at Rosendael and Coudenberg near Dunkirk. One hundred British soldiers were killed or wounded by bombs dropped from the aeroplanes. The ammunition stores were set on fire and the outskirts of the villages were also fired.

BERLIN, (by wireless), Jan. 5.—Rebuses of French attacks in Alsace and the Arzonne, blowing up of a French trench north of Arras, and progress by the German troops west of Warsaw are the chief points of an official statement issued here this afternoon.

"In the western theatre, north of Arras," it said, "we blew up a trench 200 yards long and have taken some prisoners. The enemy's counter attack failed. In the Arzonne we repelled several French advances. A French attack between Steinbach and Auholz (in Alsace) was repulsed after a bayonet encounter. "The situation is unchanged in East Prussia and northern Poland."

PETROGRAD, Jan. 5.—Official announcement was made today that the Russian troops in the Caucasus have gained a decisive winter victory over the Turks, taking the whole Turkish ninth army corps prisoners. The balance of the Turkish army is reported to be in flight.

GERMAN CRUISER SINKS  
FOUR MORE VESSELS

Kron Prinz Wilhelm Continues Disastrous Raids on British and French Shipping.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Island, Jan. 5.—Continuing its daring raids in the Atlantic, the German converted cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm has sunk four more vessels owned by French and British concerns, the Bellevue, Montagu and the Bretagne and Union. The crews of these ships were brought here today by the German steamer Otavi. The Bellevue and Montagu were steamers and the other two vessels were sailing ships.

The Kron Prinz Wilhelm is the former North German Lloyd liner which was converted into a cruiser after the war broke out. Her last known sailing port was New York.

EXTRA SESSION POSSIBLE  
IS WILSON'S INTIMATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—That an extra session of congress is a possibility should the shipping bill fail of passage by Mar. 4, was indicated today by President Wilson. He made it clear that failure to enact the rule credits bill would not cause him to call a special session but he declined to give the same assurance concerning the ship purchase bill. The president asserted that the nation was in pressing need of shipping facilities.

THREE PERSONS HURT IN  
WRECK ON M. K. AND T.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 5.—Three persons were slightly hurt today when the locomotive and two cars of a Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train left the rails in a wreck at Bella, Texas, 12 miles south of Denison. The engineer was among the injured. None of the Pullmans left the rails.

HOLDS LOWER RATES ON  
STILL SUPPLIES VALID

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—An order of the Kentucky railroad commission putting into effect lower rates on distillery supplies from Louisville to 14 distillery points in Kentucky, the validity of which was challenged by the Louisville and Nashville railroad, was upheld today by the supreme court.

FRENCH GAIN IN  
ATTACKS IN SAND  
BEFORE NIEUPORT

Advance at Various Points Near St. George's Results in Capture of Several German Trenches, Paris Statement.

BATTLE LINE EXTENDS  
TO SWISS FRONTIER

French Mount Artillery on Recently Captured Heights at Steinbach and Bombard German Lines at Cernay.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—French infantry attacks have been resumed in Belgium and have resulted successfully in the sand dunes before Nieuport, in the vicinity of St. George's the French have gained at various points from 200 to 500 yards, capturing part of the German trenches. This information was officially announced in a statement issued here this afternoon. It also stated that the Germans had blown up a French trench near the Lille highway and had captured it, but that later it was recaptured. In Alsace the French have fortified the ground gained on the road from Thann to Cernay and have maintained their progress.

The statement follows: "In Belgium, despite the condition of the terrain and the difficulties resulting therefrom, our infantry has made progress in the dunes before Nieuport. In the region of St. George's it has gained at various points 200, 300 and 500 yards, capturing houses and parts of trenches at numerous points."

Silence German Guns.  
The Belgian artillery has silenced that of the Germans.

"From the Lys to the Oise, in the region of Notre Dame de Lorette, west of Lens, our tanks, equipped with mortars and our grenades, completely stopped the sappers of the enemy. In the vicinity of the Lille highway the Germans blew up one of our trenches with a mine and captured it, but an immediate counter attack made us again master of the position."

"From the Oise to the Vosges there is nothing to report concerning any infantry action."

"In the region of the Cracow and Rheims there were artillery combats. Our batteries effectively bombarded the enemy's positions in the town of Suippes and also in the region of Perthes and of Beaurevoir. It was the same in the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse."

"In Alsace, to the southeast of Bond Homme pass, we have entered the hamlet of Lohr, captured two kilometers west of Ordey, where we are fortifying our positions. The gains made on the road from Thann to Cernay has been maintained as far as one kilometer east of the Thann and Cernay road. Our artillery has silenced that of the enemy at a point two miles east of Upper Burnhaupt."

Battle Line Extends.  
The great battle line that the western theater of war has extended until the lower end of it now touches the Swiss frontier near Zyt, while the northern extremity lying on the North Sea east of Nieuport, is 375 miles away. Official dispatches state that the German line, lying east of Cernay (Sennheim) in upper Alsace, has been delivering counter attacks in an effort to recapture lost ground, but all were repulsed. Steinbach has been destroyed by artillery fire and the French are now bending their energies to take Sennheim, which lies upon the railway leading into Muelhausen.

French artillery has been mounted upon the recently captured heights northeast of Steinbach, and the German lines at Cernay are being vigorously bombarded.

The French line has now been extended south from Altkirch to prevent the Germans from trying a flanking operation.

From the southern foothills of the Vosges the "little front lines" east of Thann, through Steinbach, southwest through Aspach and Eglingen, near Altkirch to a point near Zyt.

Mountains Tremble.  
A dispatch from Basle, Switzerland, says: "A motorist who has just arrived here from the vicinity of Steinbach in upper Alsace, says: 'The fighting in that part of Germany has been formidable for the past three days. The mountains have been trembling with the roar of big guns, and the hillsides are running red with blood. The valleys are filled with ruined cottages and the carnage of war. The Germans had an extensive system of trenches cut through the rocks and the French victory produced a profound impression everywhere in upper Alsace.'"

British warships are again bombarding the German lines on the North Sea coast of Belgium. The water tower at Zeelbrugge, the new German base, has been demolished. Heavy volumes of smoke can be seen from the Holland frontier arising from the Hollanders between Heyss and Knocke, and it is believed that the village is burning.

Factories Resume Operations

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 5.—The Atlanta Steel mill, the Robinson Shirt factory and the Robinson Overall factory have resumed operations, giving employment to 1,250 people.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y.—W. J. Brooks, a farmer, and four friends were "tried" for two hours by an infuriated bull which broke away from them while being led to the barn for slaughter.